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12	Medak	Nov'96	Jan'99
13	Nalgonda	Aug'98	N.A.
14	Nellore	Apr'97	Feb'99
15	Nizamabad	Jun'96	Mar'99
16	Prakasham	Aug'97	Mar'99
17	Srikakulam	Aug'97	Mar'99
18	Visakhapatnam	Nov'98	N.A.
19	Vizianagaram	Aug'97	Apr'99
20	Warangal	Aug'95	Dec'99
21	West Goodavari	Jul'97	Mar'99
22	Hyderabad & Rangareddy	Nov'98	N.A.

Linking of Gurgaon with Ghaziabad and Noida

2087. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Faridabad has been linked with Noida and Ghaziabad, whereas Gurgaon has been left out;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when Government propose to link Gurgaon with Ghaziabad, Noida and Bahadurgarh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) and (b) Faridabad has local call facility at 180 sec pulse rate (i.e. Inter dialling without STD Code) with Noida and Ghaziabad, however Gurgaon is only linked with STD facility.

As per policy local call facility is provided within a Short Distance Charging Area (SDCA) which generally corresponds to a Teshil. However, local call facility at 180 sec pulse rate (i.e. Inter dialling without STD code) is provided.

(i) Between adjacent SDCAS

(ii) When the radial distance between Short Distance Charging Centres (SDCCs) of two SDCAs is upto 20 Kms.

This facility therefore has been provided between Faridabad SDCA and Ghaziabad (including Noida) SDCA which are adjacent. The provision of facility between Gurgaon SDCA and Ghaziabad (including Noida) SDCA is not provided as both the SDCAs are nonadjacent and the Radial distance between their SDCCs is more than 20 Kms.

(c) The provision of local call facility at 180 sec. pulse rate (i.e. inter-dialling without STD code) between Gurgaon with Ghaziabad (including Noida) and Bhadurgarh is not permissible as per policy explained at (a) & (b) above.

Establishment of Village level information centres

2088. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to launch projects for establishing Village Level Information Centres (SAMADHAN Centres);

(b) if so, whether any progress attained by these projects;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR MR. JANARTHANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c): The Department of Electronics has been envisaging the establishment of Village Level Information Centres (SAMADHAN CENTRES) which are planned to be set up/executed by NGOs or computer literate villagers. Action has been initiated by an NGO to set up first SAMADHAN CENTRE in the Ramanathapuram District of Tamil Nadu. Many other blocks have shown keen interest to set up such Centres.

(d) Does not arise.

PM's meeting with Dalai Lama

2089. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what further action Government propose to take at diplomatic level and. in international forums to give a befitting reply to the blatantly wrong assumption made by the Chinese